

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-170 are pending in the present application. Claim 33 has been amended to depend from claim 23 and Figure 14A of the drawings has also been amended. A letter submitting drawing sheet(s) together with a replacement drawing is being filed concurrently herewith.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place the present application in condition for allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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